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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO USOAS
 E.O. 12356: DNG: 9/27/95
 TAGS: FBCR P6CV CO VE
 SUBJECT: GOV APPLAUDS COLOMBIAN DECISION TO FREEZE BORDER
 NEGOTIATIONS

1. (UN) COLOMBIA'S DECISION TO FREEZE BORDER NEGOTIATIONS
 WITH VENEZUELA UNTIL 1984 HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE
 GOV. ON 26 SEPTEMBER ALL CARACAS DAILIES GAVE PROMINENT
 COVERAGE TO REMARKS TO THIS EFFECT REPORTEDLY MADE
 BY COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RODRIGO LLOREDA
 CAICEDO AND TO THE REACTION EXPRESSED BY ACTING
 FOREIGN MINISTER OSWALDO PAEZ PUMAR.

2. (UN) ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, PAEZ PUMAR
 EXPRESSED THE GOV'S SATISFACTION OVER THE COLOMBIAN
 POSITION SAYING: "WE CONSIDER VERY POSITIVE THE REMARKS
 MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER LLOREDA CAICEDO AND BELIEVE THAT
 THEY REFLECT THE CORDIAL STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
 COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA." THE GOV AGREES THAT THE
 TIME IS NO "OPPORTUNE FOR CONTINUING CONVERSATIONS NOW,"
 HE SAID, AND THAT FURTHER PLANNING ON HOW TO DEAL
 WITH THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE NEXT VENEZUELAN
 ADMINISTRATION.

3. (C) COMMENT---OBVIOUSLY GOV POLICY REGARDING THE
 "DIFERENDO" WITH COLOMBIA HAS NOT CHANGED. WITH THE
 DISPUTE WITH GUYANA OVER THE ESSEQUIBO TERRITORY SQUARELY
 BEFORE THE HERRERA ADMINISTRATION, THE GOV HAS NO DESIRE
 TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER BORDER PROBLEM TO THE WEST.

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